**ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION** 

An inflatable fabric cushion is disclosed that can maintain a high internal pressure

while having an exposed inflator squib. The inflatable cushion has a precision opening

sized to be commensurate with a diameter of the inflator squib. The precision opening

tightly circumscribes the inflator to limit leakage of inflation gas when the squib projects

out of the opening. The cushion also has a throat through which the inflator may be

inserted into the cushion. After the inflator is inserted into the cushion, the throat is

sealed closed by wrapping the throat around the inflator housing and being cinched when

the airbag assembly is mounted on a vehicle.

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